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1. The Union Eslava held a special meeting in Buenos Aires on 18 July 1948 for the purpose of formulating a definite policy vis-a-vis the Tito-Cominform schism and of counteracting any possibility of an upsurge of pro-Tito sentiment within the ranks of the Union Eslava. The meeting was attended by fifty-four delegates from various Slav Communist organizations of the Federal Capital and principal cities of the country. Also attending was a hand-picked gallery which had been carefully screened in order to eliminate pro-Tito sympathizers who might attempt a protest demonstration.
2. The meeting had been organized under the direction of Pablo Schostakovsky, Union Eslava President, on orders of the Soviet Embassy. The speakers' principal theme was that Slav unity must be maintained in spite of any current differences which will soon be settled. The Yugoslav delegates who were known to be Tito supporters were not given an opportunity to present their views.
3. An Union Eslava official announced near the end of the meeting that the Yugoslav situation was too complex and important to be settled at the meeting and that it would be more thoroughly discussed at a Union Eslava Congress which is scheduled to convene November 1948 in Buenos Aires. Yugoslavia Libre has also scheduled a congress for November or December 1948.)
4. The following projects were adopted at the meeting:
 - a. An effort will be made to induce pro-Benes Czech organizations and the Union de los Polacos en la Argentina to join the Union Eslava.
 - b. A greater effort will be made to incorporate newly arrived Slav immigrants into Slav Communist organizations and to properly enlighten them.
 - c. Increased emphasis will be placed on the recruitment of women for Slav Communist organizations.

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